

Comparison of Czech and Russian criminal legislation on Terrorism

Abstract

The aim of this diploma thesis is to provide the reader with an information about criminal legislation of terrorism with regard to its currency, specifically aiming on legislation in Czech criminal law and in Russian criminal law. Both of these legislations are afterwards compared and the biggest differences are pointed out. Also, some changes are proposed to be made in the Czech criminal legislation in this area.

Before analysis of criminal legislations of both countries, the issue of current terrorism is described. Also, problematical definition of terrorism is explained, with mentioning few versions of it. History of terrorism is briefly analyzed. Basic forms of terrorism are also described. Then, counterterrorist policy of Czech republic is briefly described, and also relationship between terrorism and human rights within fighting against terrorism.

In the next chapter, criminal legislation of terrorism in Czech law is described. Firstly, formerly existing Criminal Code and its ideas are pointed out. After that, current Criminal Code is analyzed. Afterwards, individual crimes, that are related to the terrorism matter, are mentioned. In the end of this chapter, some aspects of criminal proceedings related to terrorism are said.

In terms of systematics, criminal legislation of terrorism in Russian law is mentioned. After brief historical outline of terrorism on the territory of today's Russia, author describes criminal legislation of terrorism itself, within the Criminal Code of Russian Federation. Then, some elements of criminal liability that are connected to terrorism, are analyzed. Individual crimes that are important with respect to subject of this thesis are brought down.

Last chapter deals with comparison of criminal legislations of both countries, biggest differences are pointed out not only within material law. Author also proposes some changes to the Czech criminal law.

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